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1. 29 NOV. PLENARY ADOPTED DRAFT RES ON INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE BY VOTE OF 105-3
(US, ISRAEL, NICARAGUA)-15.

2. IN STATEMENT BEFORE VOTE, ISRAELI DEL (ROSENNE)
GAVE LENGTHY EXPLANATION OF ISRAEL OPPOSITION TO INVITATION
TO PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCES. ROSENNE CONCLUDED
BY STATING IF RPT IF DRAFT RES WERE PUT TO THE VOTE,
ISRAEL WOULD VOTE AGAINST. COMMENT: BEFORE PLENARY CONVENED
ROSENNE ADVISED USDEL ISRAEL WOULD NOT INSIST ON VOTE, AND
IF NO ONE ASKED FOR VOTE, ISRAEL WOULD NOT OPPOSE ADOPTION
BY CONSENSUS, BUT WOULD CONSIDER ITS STATEMENT SUFFICIENT.
APPARENTLY, CHAIRMAN OF PLENARY (AMB. BARTOLOME OF PHILLIPNES) NOT
FULLY ADVISED BY ISRAEL, SINCE UPON COMPLETION ISRAELI STATEMENT
CHAIR PROCEEDED TO THE VOTE. USDEL IN CONFORMITY WITH
VOTE IN SIXTH COMITE AND PREVAILING INSTRUCTIONS ON
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SUBJECT, VOTED AGAINST. END COMMENT.

3. AFTER VOTE, USSR DEL (KOLESNIK) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT LAMENTING THE UNDERSIRABLE AND RESTRICTIVE NATURE OF "ALL STATES" UNDERSTANDING IN SIXTH COMITE REPORT, AS REPORTED REFTEL PARA 3. IN EXPLAINING NO VOTE, USDEL TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON SOVIET INTERVENTION. USDEL STATEMENT WAS AS FOLLS:

MY DELEGATION WAS UNABLE TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF OUR RESERVATIONS WITH THE INVITATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. OUR RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN DEEPEENED BY THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS PARTICULAR CONFERENCE WHICH DEALS WITH THE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, AND I EMPHASIZE STATES, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

MY DELEGATION WISHES TO NOTE THAT IT HAD NOT DIFFICULTY WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1, IN THE LIGHT OF THE UNDERSTANDING EXPRESSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE, CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, AND ACCEPTED BY ALL DELEGATIONS.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ONLY BASIS ON WHICH THE INVITATIONS CAN BE INSSUED PURSUANT TO AN ALL STATES FORMULATION IS THE UNDERSTANDING TO WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USSR HAS MADE REFERENCE. THAT WAS THE BASIS ON WHICH THE SIXTH COMMITTEE FORWARDED THE DRAFT TO THE PLENARY. IN THE SIXTH COMMITTEE THE SOVIET UNION DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM THE UNDERSTANDING BUT DID NOT CHALLENGE IT OR SEEK TO PUT THE MATTER TO A VOTE. THE UNDERSTANDING CONSEQUENTLY STANDS AND WE UNDERSTAND THE STATEMENT BY THE USSR HERE TODAY IN THE SAME LIGHT. ANY OTHER VIEW WOULD LEAD ONLY TO CONFUSION AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT NO DELEGATION SEEKS THAT END. SCALI

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